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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231
U.S.A.

Dear Sirs:

Re: **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**
United States National Phase Entry of PCT/CA99/01024
Entitled: Methods For The Production of TcR Gamma Delta T Cells
Inventors: David N. Bell, Danna L. Skea and Phyllis R. Hedge

We are simultaneously entering national phase in the United States for PCT/CA99/01024. The present letter is to file a Preliminary Amendment to the application. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 32, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46 and 47 as follows:

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the first and second culture media contain serum or plasma.
4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein prior to step (1) the cells in the starting sample are enriched for T cells.
5. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein prior to step (1) the cells in the starting sample are enriched for CD4⁺ cells.